

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF REFINERIES ABROAD
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether major oil companies have set up refineries in various countries abroad;
- (b) if so, the details of refineries set up during the last three years alongwith proposal for the next three years and the investment made /to be made on each of them; and
- (c) the total output proposed to be realised from those refineries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. In response to a request received from the Government of Edo State Nigeria in January, 2004, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) had indicated its willingness to set up grassroot refinery in Edo State, in collaboration with the State Government. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Edo State Government and IOC on 10th September, 2004 for collaboration for development of a petroleum refinery in Edo State. IOC had sought from Government of Edo State, allotment of oil blocks in Nigeria, against its involvement in the proposed refinery. IOC had executed a MoU with Calik Enerji, a Turkish Company, in November, 2005 for cooperation in various activities in hydrocarbon sector in Turkey or in any other third country. The MoU also envisaged setting up of a grassroot refinery in Ceyhan, Turkey. IOC had submitted an application to the Energy Market Regulatory Authority (EMRA) of Turkey in August, 2006 for grant of license for setting up 15 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) integrated grassroot refinery cum petrochemical complex at Ceyhan. IOC and Calik will jointly commission separate consultants for preparing Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR), after receiving the provisional license from EMRA. On the basis of DFR, if the project is found techno-economically viable, the integrated project would be set up by the Joint Venture Company to be co-promoted by IOC and Calik Enerji.